URBAN DISTRICT OF HERNE BAY

1967 Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

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HERNE BAY URBAN DISTRICT

Chairman of the Council:

Councillor W. H. Rogers, J.P.

Committees concerned with matters of Public Health

Public Health and Housing Committee

(Public Health Committee and Housing Committee amalgamated in 1953)

Highways Committee

Responsible for public cleansing, refuse disposal and sewage disposal.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Councillor J. W. Thompson (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. G. E. Fortune (Vice Chairman)
The Chairman of the Council
Councillor N. Atkin
" J. Conyon
" N. Davies
" W. R. Garreau
" A. G. Middleton
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" T. S. Pettman
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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF - 1967

Medical Officer of Health — M. S. Harvey, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H

Deputy Medical Officer of Health — Major General J. L. Gordon, O.B.

and at: — 15a Dane John, Canterbury.
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Chief Public Health Inspector — C. J. Clark, F.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.
Meat and Other Foods Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Society of Health.
Smoke Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Society of Health.

Duties:

Statutory duties of a Public Health Inspector.
Housing Management.
Shops Act Administration.
Public Lighting and Petroleum.

Additional Public Health Inspector — W. F. Weller, D.P.A., M.A.P.H.I.

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Duties:

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Shops Act Administration.
Housing Management.

Clerical Staff

Mrs. V. C. Howard
Miss L. Hargraves

General Assistant and Rodent Operator

J. T. McDonnell

Resident Warden (Redgates, Canterbury Road)

Mrs. P. Bridger

KENT COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES STAFF - 1967

in the Herne Bay Urban District

Health Visitors, School Nurses and Infant Life Protection Officers:	Mrs. D. A. Wirdnam, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Miss Dennetts, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor:	Miss M. Brangan, S.R.N., S.C.M., Cert. R.S.I., H.V.
Midwives:	Mrs. Shipton, S.R.N., S.C.M. Mrs. Taylor S.R.N., S.C.M.
District Nurses:	Mrs. Hake, S.R.N., S.C.M. Mrs. Wallis Smith, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss Harrison, S.R.N., S.C.M. Mrs. Bleazard, S.R.N.
Domestic Help Area Organiser:	Mrs. A. Kingston.
District Officer:	H. T. Suckling.
Assistant District Officer:	D. H. Bartlett.
Registrar of Births and Deaths:	Mrs. M. G. Oakley.
Education Welfare Officer:	K. W. Ford.

Other Staff: South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board

Chest Physician and Adviser on After-care of Tuberculosis:	Owen Clarke, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Council Offices,
Herne Bay.

August 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Herne Bay Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Herne Bay for the year 1967. This should be read in conjunction with the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

In presenting this report, I am conscious that I have so recently received the torch from my distinguished and greatly respected forerunner, Dr. George Brocklehurst who was your Medical Officer of Health for twenty-four years. It was at once apparent on taking my place where he had sat that he had created amongst you a warm regard for the office and a relationship with the Members through his wise counsel that has been most beneficial to the public health service in Herne Bay. It is most pleasant to take over a suzerainship where working relations are so friendly and public health affairs are so well managed.

Vital Statistics

The Registrar General permitted us a population increase of 100 over the previous year, admitting a mid-year total of 24,100. A 9% fall in the births balanced by an 11% fall in the deaths is noted. The birth rate dropped to 16.36 compared to the levels of 18.6 and 18.8 of the previous two years. The death rate returned to the 1965 level of 11.4 standing a fraction above that for England and Wales. The infant death rate, a fickle figure where small totals are involved, rose to 25 compared to 19.6 and 18.9 for the previous two years. The perinatal mortality rate, a fairly realistic measure of the standard of ante-natal and post-natal care showed a rate of 28.4 compared to 25.4 for England and Wales, and 19.4 for the year 1966; but again one must warn about the erratic behaviour of statistics where there are small totals. The percentage of newborn outside a legal marriage relationship was 12.5.

Infectious Disease

It was a measles year and the incidence of cases was the highest since 1963 and not quite so high as in that epidemic year. The distribution of cases over childhood showed the greatest concentration in the immediately pre-school and early school years. This justifies the Ministry of Health policy of concentrating the measles vaccination programme at the start on the four to seven year old children in the hope of severing the infective link between pre-school and school populations in order to abort the next epidemic.

The occurrence of a meningococcal meningitis death reminds us that this infection, although relatively uncommon, stalks amongst us still.

Malignant Disease

The deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus again show up as the dominant group in cancer deaths and although the total of 35 is two less than for 1966, there is an ominous shift in the increase in female deaths from this cause, in line with the change in female smoking habits 25 years ago.

Health and Social Services

The health services provided by Kent County Council for the town are set out in the report in detail. Reiteration of my predecessor's comment is fully justified, and I, too, must refer to the good work carried out in the district during the year by members of the staff of the Health Services operated by the County Council, with particular reference to the many and varied duties performed by Health Visitors, Midwives, District Nurses, Children's Welfare Officers, District Officers, Domestic and Home Helpers, etc., and also the various voluntary organisations in the town such as the W.R.V.S., Old People's Welfare Committee, the British Red Cross Society, the St. John Ambulance Association and others. These workers do much for the comfort and well-being of the inhabitants of the town, and their work is greatly appreciated by the people concerned.

Water Supply

As Mr. Clark indicates in his report, all but seven of the dwellings in the Urban District receive main water supply and four of these private supplies are unsafe to drink without boiling or other treatment. The variations in the chemical nature of the water supply following connection and introduction of the Thanington Wells supply by Canterbury Water Company, with only intermittent use of the Ford Well has disturbed the inner coating of the mains and Mr. Clark reports troubles arising from this. We are not without troubles also from external attacks on the mains by the nature of the clay soil.

The quality of the water supply is moderately hard around 250 parts per million calcium carbonate, and is low in fluoride 0.02 parts per million. There is some research being directed to the relationship between hardness in water and circulatory disease, as well as into the benefits of an adequate level of fluoride in the water supply in preventing calcification of the aorta. So perhaps in a few years' time we may find it shown to be necessary to adjust the fluoride level in waters from a chalk source to protect the middle aged from hardening of the arteries, and the lion shall lie down with the lamb and peace shall reign over the one part per million of fluoride.

Sewage Disposal

The Council is following out a long term scheme of improved disposal with the modernisation, enlargement and development of the May Street orks and the development of new mains to serve the western area of the Urban District. In due course this will limit

disposal to the sea to storm water overflow. The Council looked askance at the proposals of the neighbouring authority and will welcome the insistence of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government that the long sea outfall scheme at Whitstable is to be carefully checked as it progresses to prevent undesirable consequences.

Housing

The development of wardened flats at Redgates for the elderly made a valuable contribution to the services for the welfare of the elderly in the town. This progress was enhanced by the decision to appoint a neighbourhood warden to maintain and promote contact with the lonely elderly in their own homes, both Council flats and others. Co-operating with voluntary workers in this field such a warden will provide a preventive service of great benefit to the elderly isolated person.

May I express my thanks to the members of the Public Health Department for their loyal acceptance of the new man, and the efficient way in which they carry out their duties; to Mr. Clark, Chief Public Health Inspector and colleagues in other departments; and to the medical practitioners practising in the town for their friendly support and willing co-operation in the public health work.

I have the honour to be.

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm S. Harvey

Medical Officer of Health.

HERNE BAY URBAN DISTRICT

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (including water)	8,889 acres
Population 1967 (Registrar General - Mid Year)	24,100
* Rateable Value (31st March, 1968)	£ 968,021
* Estimated sum represented by the 1d. rate	£ 3,796

* Note: Figures shown are for 1968.

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Mothers and Infants

	Herne Bay	England and Wales
Live Births		
Number M. 145 F. 134 Total	279	-
Rate per 1,000 population	11.58	-
*Adjusted Birth Rate	16.36	17.2
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	12.54%	-
Stillbirths		
Number M. 2 F. - Total	2	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	7.83	14.8
Total live and stillbirths	281	-
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)		
Infant Mortality Rates		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	25.09	18.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	24.99	-
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	28.57	-

	Herne Bay	England and Wales
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	21.51	12.5
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	21.51	10.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	28.41	25.4
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths	NIL	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	00.00	-

(b) Deaths - General Population

Male	229		
Female	280		
Total		509	-
Deaths per 1,000 of the estimated population mid 1967		21.12	-
*Adjusted Death Rate		11.40	11.2

*The figures shown as "adjusted Birth Rate" and "adjusted Death Rate" have been corrected by comparability factors supplied by the Registrar General.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HERNE BAY URBAN DISTRICT

DURING 1967

CAUSES	Males	Females
	229	280
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	1
4. Diptheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	1	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	28	7
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	10
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	23	18
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
16. Diabetes	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	75
18. Coronary disease, angina	52	36
19. Hypertension with heart disease	7	11
20. Other heart diseases	22	53
21. Other circulatory diseases	10	11
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	6	9
24. Bronchitis	17	14
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
28. Nephritis, and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	18	16
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	4
34. All other accidents	3	2
35. Suicide	2	-

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Herne Bay is a seaside holiday resort on the northern coast of Kent, at the mouth of the Thames Estuary. Bounded on the north side by the north sea, it is almost surrounded by the villages of the Bridge/Blean Rural District. It lies between the Whitstable Urban District on the west, and Birchington, in the Borough of Margate, on the east; to the south, and approximately eight miles distant, is the City of Canterbury.

The town is a holiday resort, and there is considerable seasonal employment in catering for the needs of visitors during the summer months. The population figure is then almost double that of the winter residential population.

There is a large residential area in the Urban District and, as the town is within easy reach of London, many of the inhabitants travel each day to their employment in the City. The town has grown appreciably during recent years. This is reflected in the Registrar General's mid-year estimate. The electrification of the railway system has attracted many more residents and visitors to the town, which continues to expand.

In addition to the town's education and utility services, (schools, electricity, gas, water, fire, transport, local government, and postal services) there are a number of professional and commercial establishments and light industrial undertakings which provide employment. Agricultural employment is available in the rural area. It is the Council's policy to attract suitable light industries to the town to establish a more balanced community. This has met with some success.

The Kent County Council is the Education Authority for the Urban District. There are two County Primary, two C.E. and Junior Schools, and one County Secondary School. In addition, there is an independent fee-paying school. Herne Bay has two large convalescent homes for adults and several smaller ones for children. There are holiday homes and homes for old people and the chronic sick. The Cripplecraft Home provides occupation and welfare for the disabled. Herne Bay Memorial Hospital and Herne Hospital employ a number of nursing and domestic workers.

Meteorology

The Council maintain a meteorological station on the Sea Front and daily weather readings are transmitted to the Air Ministry. The following are the readings for the year 1967:-

Period	Sunshine Hours:	Rainfall Inches:
1967	1,745.4	21.84
Monthly Mean:	145.3	1.82
Daily Average:	4.7	0.06

Note

The rainfall for 1967 was approx. 2" below average, and the sunshine hours were the second highest in the past 10 years.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

All pathological and bacteriological work for the Urban District is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, Maidstone, free of charge. This is one of a chain of laboratories established by the Ministry of Health throughout the country.

Services provided by the Kent County Council under the N.H.S.A.

Health Visitors, School Nurses and Infant Life Protection Officers

The health visiting, school nursing and infant life protection services are carried out by the County Council, who provide the staff. During 1967, these duties were performed by Mrs. D A. Wirdnam and Miss Dennetts.

Tuberculosis health visiting is carried out by Miss M. Brangan.

Nursing in the Home

The Kent County Council provide a free Nursing Service and, apart from cases of emergency and accident, a patient may obtain the services of a home nurse if requested by the medical practitioner in attendance. There are four such nurses in this district.

Domicilliary Midwifery

A comprehensive service is available, and two midwives are employed.

Domestic Help Service

Domestic help is obtainable for the sick, aged, and infirm, and in cases of urgent need; the scheme is operated from the Kent County Council's clinic in King's Road, under the supervision of the District Organiser, Mrs. A. Kingston.

District Office

The Kent County Council has established a District Office at Whitstable, where enquiries can be made with regard to the County Council Health Services.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Clinics continued to be held regularly throughout the year at the Kent County Council's Health Centre, King's Road, Herne Bay (Chest Clinic in Cavendish Road). The following table gives the days and times when the various sessions are held:

CLINICS	SESSIONS	
	Days	Times
Maternity Clinics Ante-Natal Clinics	Fridays	2 - 4 p.m.
Child Welfare Clinic Vaccination against Smallpox by appointment at this Clinic. The Health Centre, King's Road.	Mondays	2 - 4 p.m.
B.C.C. Vaccination Clinic	Held monthly by Chest Physician at times arranged with Tuberculosis Health Visitor.	
Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinic	Held every other Friday afternoon.	

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Amended detail on Child Welfare and other County Clinics, Herne Bay.

Child Welfare	King's Road Clinic	Monday Thursday	2 - 4 p.m. 2 - 4 p.m.
	Church Hall, Herne Drive, Greenhill.	2nd and 4th Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Ante Natal (Midwife) Clinic	King's Road Clinic	Friday	2 - 4 p.m.
Relaxation Classes (Midwife)	King's Road Clinic	1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Special Care Clinic	King's Road Clinic	Tuesday Thursday	a.m.
Minor Ailments (Schools)	King's Road Clinic	2nd & 4th Thursday	4 - 5 p.m.
Dental	Dental Surgery, King's Road Clinic	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.	a.m./p.m.
Opthalmic	King's Road Clinic	Alternate Mondays	p.m.
Chiropody	King's Road Clinic	Monday to Friday Wednesday	a.m. p.m.
	Senior Citizen's Hall Clare Drive, Greenhill.	Thursdays	p.m.

This revised list replaces the arrangements referred to upon pages 11 and 12 of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1967.

School Health Services

Medical and dental treatment is provided by the County Council as follows:-

Minor Ailments Clinic	Days and Attendance of Medical Officer
The Health Centre	Every second and fourth Thursday afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

Specialist School Clinics

Attendance at these County Council Clinics is by appointment only, application for treatment being made to the County Medical Officer.

Clinics	Address of Centres
Child Guidance	51 London Road, Canterbury.
Opthalmic	The Health Centre, King's Road, and Kent and Canterbury Hospital.
Orthopaedic	Kent and Canterbury Hospital,
Speech Defects	County Clinic, 94 Whitstable Road, Canterbury.

Dental Clinic

Patients receive attention at the Dental Clinic, Health Centre, King's Road, Herne Bay, by appointment on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Clinic Services provided through the Hospital Service

The following clinics are administered by the Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Hospital Board:

CLINICS	SESSIONS	
	Days	Times
K.C.C. Chest Clinic: Cavendish Road, Herne Bay.	Monday	10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Queen Victoria Hospital, Herne Bay.	Alternate Mondays	1.45 p.m.
Venereal Diseases Clinic:	(Women) Tuesdays	2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.	(Men) Tuesdays	3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Hospitals

The hospitals serving the Urban District are operated by the Local Hospital Management Committee, which is under the control of the South Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The hospitals serving the Urban District are:

Isolation Hospital

Haine Isolation Hospital, Ramsgate.

General Hospitals

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.
Herne Bay Memorial Hospital.
Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital.
Herne Hospital.
Nunnery Fields Hospital, Canterbury (for old people).

Development of Hospital Services

A plan for the development of hospital services, reported by the Clerk of the Council in 1960, was referred to in some detail in my Annual Report of 1960 and 1961.

Smallpox Hospital Accommodation

The Regional Hospital Board have a scheme in operation whereby smallpox patients may be admitted to the River Hospital (Long Reach) Dartford, Kent. No cases were notified during the year under review.

Registration of Nursing Homes

Sections 187 to 194 Public Health Act, 1936

There are three registered nursing homes. The following table shows particulars of number of beds available:-

Year 1967	No. of Homes	No. of beds provided for		Totals
		Maternity	Others	
Homes on register during the year	3	-	35	35

Convalescent Homes and Holiday Homes, etc.

There are several Holiday and Convalescent Homes in the Urban District, with accommodation for some 400 patients.

"Batesholme", Grand Drive, accommodates 19 boys between the ages of 3 and 17 years, under the care of the K.C.C. "Grosvenor House", Victoria Park, accommodates 22 children between the ages of 3 and 15 years, and "Beaumont House", Beaumont Street, has accommodation for ten children of the same age.

National Assistance Act, 1948

One burial was arranged under Section 50 of the above Act during 1967.

Public Mortuary

The Council own an up-to-date mortuary comprising a post-mortem room with refrigeration facilities for four bodies, also a pannelled chapel and viewing room, which has independent access. Records are kept of all bodies admitted and of post-mortem examinations.

The Whitstable Urban District Council, being without a satisfactory mortuary, approached the Herne Bay Council with a view to sharing the use of the mortuary at Herne Bay. This was agreed and has continued subject to financial arrangements on a population basis. The arrangement operated from 1st April, 1961.

During the year 83 bodies were admitted from Herne Bay and 38 from Whitstable. Upon all of these, post-mortem examinations were held.

Schools

There is one independent Day School in the Urban District with accommodation for some 310 children.

In addition, there are 2 County Primary and Junior Schools, 2 C.E. and 1 County Secondary School. There are 2,321 children attending schools in Herne Bay. A recent addition is the attachment of a day school for partially hearing children to one of the existing schools.

Herne C.E. Primary School

During the year work commenced upon the construction of additional classrooms and toilet facilities. In addition to the enlarged premises, an excellent school meals kitchen has been included in the scheme. Previously meals were cooked at the King's Road central kitchen and transported to Herne School for serving.

Hampton C.P. and Hillborough C.E. Schools

There are plans for the enlargement of these schools by the addition of classrooms and additional toilet facilities. Work should commence early in 1968.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following is a summary of the incidence of infectious diseases during the year:

Diseases	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Measles	292	1	-
Tuberculosis	4	4	-
Meningococcal septicaemia	1	1	1
TOTALS	298	7	1

The following table gives the age incidence of the various notifiable diseases which occurred during the year:

DISEASES	Under 1	1 -	2 -	3 -	4 -	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 34	35 - 44	45 and over
Measles	11	19	34	43	40	140	3	1	1	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Meningococcal septicaemia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Compared with the total number of infectious diseases notified during 1966, this year's figure has considerably increased (297 against 51).

The following table shows the incidence of measles for the last five years:-

Year	Children 1 - 5 years	Children 5 - 15 years	Adult	Total
1963	233	139	2	374
1964	74	21	1	96
1965	45	32	3	80
1966	19	23	1	43
1967	147	143	2	292

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

Certain infectious diseases are required to be notified to the Medical Officer of Health when they occur. Anthrax has been added to the number of notifiable diseases, and in 1960, chicken pox was deleted.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1967

Age Periods	NEW CASES:				DEATHS:			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	-

Inward and Outward Transfers, Recoveries, etc.	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Inward transfers from other areas	3	2	-	-
Outward transfers to other areas	3	2	-	-
Restored to register on return to district	-	-	-	-
Reported to be "recovered"	2	1	-	-
Removed from the register upon declining medical treatment	-	-	-	-

The number of cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1967 was:-

Type of Case:	Male	Female	Totals
Pulmonary Non-pulmonary	83 15	53 15	136 30
TOTALS	98	68	166

Prevention of Tuberculosis: Care and After-Care

A scheme is operated jointly by the Kent County Council and the Kent Council of Social Service for the provision of care and after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis. Through this scheme arrangements are made, where necessary, for assistance to be rendered in various ways, viz. the provision of shelters; extra meat and milk, the provision of beds, bedding and clothing.

Home visiting is carried out by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor for the area, who gives suitable advice to the patients.

Where there is need, help is given in housing problems, and assisting with removal expenses; the admission of patients to holiday homes is arranged; in the case of employment, endeavours are made to find suitable posts for patients who are fit for work; and materials are provided for recreational therapy.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925
Public Health Act, 1936 - Section 172

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

The following table shows the number of injections given in the various priority groups during the year ended 31st December, 1967.

Year	Primary	Reinforcing
1967	67	-
1966	227	-
1965	18	-
1964	13	-
1963	3	20
1960 - 62	3	183
1951 - 59	2	42
TOTAL	333	245

Immunisation and Vaccination

Set out below in the charts are the diptheria immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1967:

Diptheria Immunisation (Singly or in Combination)

Year of Birth	Primary		Reinforcing	
	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Triple	Diph./Tet.
1967	97	7	-	-
1966	146	9	2	1
1965	1	1	123	54
1964	3	-	14	6
1963	-	1	1	15
1960 - 62	-	3	15	181
1951 - 59	-	-	1	-
TOTAL	247	21	156	257

Smallpox Vaccination

In view of the amendment to the County Council's proposal approved as from the 1st January, 1963, the following is the only information now available:

Primary Vaccination 1 year	Re-vaccination School age but under 8 years
186	10

Home Safety Act, 1961

The Public Health and Housing Committee undertook the responsibility for supervising the exercise of home safety precautions under the above Act.

A part-time Home Safety Organiser has been appointed. He is also Water Safety Organiser.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occ. Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	84	27	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-			
TOTAL	84	27	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act. (not including offences relating to outwork.	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work (1)	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
wearing) Making etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	-	-	-	-	-

I N D E X

Area 6
Assistant District Officer 2

Births, Number of 6

Chest Physician 2
Chicken pox 15
Clinics - Chest 12
Minor Ailments 11
Opthalmic 12
Orthopaedic 12
Speech Defects 12
Venereal Diseases 12
Committee, Health and Housing 1
Concerned with matters of public health 1
Convalescent and Holiday Homes 14

Deaths, Number of 7
Causes of 8
Infants under 1 year of age 6
Dental Clinic 12
Death Rate 7
District Officer 2
Domestic Help Area Organiser 2

Factories Act, 1961 19

Health Visitors 2
Home Nurses 2
Home Safety Act, 1961 18
Hospital : Isolation 13
Development of 13
General 13
Smallpox Accommodation 13

Infant Mortality 6
Infectious Diseases 15

Kent County Health Services Staff 2

Laboratory Facilities 10
Local Health Services for the Area 10

Maternal Mortality 7
Measles, Incidence of 15
Medical Officer of Health 1
Meteorology 10
Midwives 2
Mortuary 14

National Assistance Act, 1948 14
Nursing in the Home 10
Nursing Homes, Registration of 13

Poliomyelitis Vaccination 17
Population 6
Public Health Department Staff 1a
Public Health and Housing Committee 1

Rateable Value 6
Registrar of Births and Deaths 2

Schools 14
School Welfare Officer 2
School Health Services 12
Social Conditions of the Area 9
Specialist School Clinics 12
Statistics 6
Stillbirths 6
Sum represented by the 1d. rate 6

Treatment Centres and Clinics 11
Tuberculosis : Prevention of, Care and After Care 17
New cases and mortality 16
Register 17

Vaccination 18
Vital Statistics 6